

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 821

WHEREAS, Millions of Texans ride bicycles for fitness, recreation, and transportation and spend more than \$100 million annually on bicycle-related goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Bicycling is an activity that can help reduce the annual per capita health care costs of over \$6,000; and

WHEREAS, Bicycle races, tours, rallies, and other events throughout our state have had a positive economic impact and have raised millions of dollars for charities; and

WHEREAS, Texas mountain bikers contribute countless volunteer hours in state parks and other public lands toward multiuse trail creation and trail care and toward the enhancement of the outdoor environment; and

WHEREAS, When bicycle safety standards are applied to road design and construction, the result is more bicycling and bicycle-friendly communities, and active and creative citizens who make positive contributions economically and culturally are drawn to the activity; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Bicycle Coalition was organized in 1991 to promote improved bicycling access, safety, and education in the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Department of Transportation awarded the Texas Bicycle Coalition Education Fund a grant for the Texas SuperCyclist Project, through which thousands of physical education and health teachers have been trained in bicycle safety, and the United States Department of Education awarded the Texas Bicycle Coalition Education Fund a grant in 2004 to pilot a state Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, The founders, members, and volunteers of the Texas Bicycle Coalition have made valuable contributions toward bicycle safety in our state, and it is most appropriate to honor them at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the founders of the Texas Bicycle Coalition, its board of directors, its staff, and its members and volunteers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Bicycle Coalition as an expression of regard from the Texas Senate.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 23, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate